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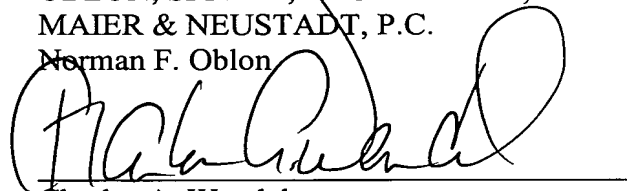
The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to revise the claims as they appeared in an Article 34 amendment in the international counterpart.

An early examination of Claims 1-13 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Charles A. Wendel, is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat abstract, with large loops and flourishes.

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